

Friday, July 28, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Gift Reform Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1086–1093, S. Res. 158, and S. Con. Res. 22. **Pages S10875–76**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 852, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–123)

S. 1087, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. (S. Rept. No. 104–124)

H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–125) **Page S10875**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Gift Reform: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 342), Senate agreed to S. Res. 158, to provide for congressional gift reform, after completing action on S. 1061, to provide for congressional gift reform, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) McCain Modified Amendment No. 1872, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10845–58**

(2) By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 340), Lott Amendment No. 1875 (to Amendment No. 1872), to change the maximum total value of gifts that can be accepted from a single source in one year from \$50 to \$100. **Pages S10846–48**

(3) By 75 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 341), Byrd Amendment No. 1878 (to Amendment No. 1872), to express the sense of the Senate that the Judicial Conference of the United States should review and evaluate the Judiciary's gift rules. **Pages S10851–55**

(4) Stevens Amendment No. 1879 (to Amendment No. 1872), to allow the Committee on Rules and Administration to accept gifts on behalf of the Senate. **Page S10855**

(5) Wellstone Amendment No. 1880 (to Amendment No. 1872), to clarify the aggregate limit. **Pages S10855–57**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 339), Murkowski Amendment No. 1874 (to Amendment No. 1872), to permit reimbursement for travel and lodging at charitable political events. **Pages S10845–46**

Subsequently, S. 1061 was indefinitely postponed. **Page S10858**

Department of State Authorizations: Senate began consideration of S. 908, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 1996 through 1999 and to abolish the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the Agency for International Development. **Page S10859**

During consideration of this bill today, the following also occurred:

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, August 1, 1995. **Page S10859**

Subsequently, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, scheduled for Monday, July 31, 1995, was vitiated. **Page S10859**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, July 31, 1995.

Military Construction Appropriations, 1996—Conferees: The Chair appointed conferees on H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, as follows: Senators Burns, Stevens, Shelby, Gregg, Reid, Inouye, and Byrd. **Page S10907**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the continuation of the national emergency with Iraq; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-69) **Page S10874**

Transmitting the report under the Generalized System of Preferences program; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-70) **Page S10874**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 61 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-342) **Pages S10846, S10848, S10855, S10858**

Recess: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 2:39 p.m., until 12:30 p.m., on Monday, July 31, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S10908.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR/DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with amendments; and

An original bill (S. 1087) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Herbert F. Collins, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, Resolution Trust Corporation, and Maria Luisa Mabilangan Haley, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SAVINGS ASSOCIATION INSURANCE FUND

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the condition of the Savings Association Insurance Fund, focusing on recommendations to remedy its insolvency, after receiving testimony from John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, and Jonathan L. Fiechter, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Ricki Helfer, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; David E.A. Carson, People's Bank, Bridgeport, Connecticut, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers; Richard L. Mount, Saratoga National Bank, Saratoga, California, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; and Howard L. McMillan, Jr., Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, on behalf of the American Bankers Association.

DEBT LIMIT

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on issues with regard to raising the public debt limit, focusing on its relation to the deficit and its impact on financial markets, receiving testimony from Representative Nick Smith; John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; James L. Blum, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Susan Hering, Salomon Brothers Inc., and Richard M. Kelly, Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., Inc., on behalf of the Public Securities Association, both of New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HEALTH INSURANCE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposals to prohibit insurers from denying health insurance coverage, benefits, or varying premiums based on the status of an individual as a victim of domestic violence, including related provisions of S. 524, S. 1028, and H.R. 1201, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Representatives Morella, Molinari, English, and Ramstad; Nancy Durborow, Pennsylvania Coalition